



Why do employers want Cognitive Science graduates?

IT and software

Competent in using statistical packages for psychology projects, Office suite, and Python, Java, C, etc. for informatics projects

Communication

Explaining complex scientific research, presenting to class, research and writing effective essays and reports.

Research and Analytical

Evaluating and interpreting philosophical ideas, interpreting data sets in psychology experiments and linguistic research, analytical reasoning for informatics programming, facility with quantitative and qualitative methodologies

Statistical and numeracy

Completing statistical modules in the study of psychology, including using SPSS software.

Problem solving

Innovative approaches to solving problems using cross disciplinary approaches from philosophy, psychology, linguistic and informatics.

Organisation

Effectively manage time, completing multiple course assignments across different disciplines to a high standard whilst working part time.

Understanding of how memory, attention and decision making work

Through interdisciplinary study of psychology, philosophy, linguistics and informatics.



Employers who want cognitive science graduates

Here are a few examples of employers from some of the fields that employ cognitive scientists, ranging from private sector multi-nationals, to the public sector and SMEs.



IBM has a graduate programme, offering great opportunities in business, consulting, design and technology. Graduates can work in areas such as Software Development, Analytics and Cognitive Computing.

IBM Graduate programme:
www.ibm.com/employment/uk/graduate-programmes

BT graduate programmes offers a very wide range of opportunities including: software engineering, sales, operations management, HR and customer solution design. Also have an internship programme.

BT Graduate programmes:
www.btgraduates.com/our-programmes/uk-internships/overview



Scott Logic is a software development consultancy. Graduate programmes include one for User Experience Design - for strategic thinkers who believe problems are most effectively solved through research and exploration [and an] appetite for creating simple solutions to complex problems.

www.scottlogic.com/about/company-information/

The Civil Service offers many opportunities, including the specialist fast streams: Government operational research service (GORS), Government Economic Service (GES), Government Statistical Service (GSS), Government Social Research Service (GSRS).

Civil Service Fast Streams:
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-fast-stream



Research institutes are a major source of employment. Universities and other institutions, including research councils, advertise vacancies on their own websites, but you will also find them on jobs boards such as Indeed.co.uk:

<http://www.indeed.co.uk/Cognitive-Research-jobs>